

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No. 09/924,490	Applicant(s) WOLLASTON ET AL.	
	Examiner Robert P. Swiatek	Art Unit 3643	

All Participants:

Status of Application: Allowed

(1) Robert P. Swiatek.

(3) _____.

(2) Mr. Stanley C. Spooner.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 7 February 2007

Time: =

Type of Interview:

- ☒ Telephonic
☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

Possible 35 USC 102(b)

Claims discussed:

16, 40

Prior art documents discussed:

Holt et al. (US 5,713,507); Aota et al. (US 6,581,819 B1)

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Applicants' representative authorized changes to the above claims that define the thicknesses of component materials across the weld joint in order to differentiate over slight variations in weld joint thickness resulting from the friction stir welding process. See examiner's amendment..